NEWSLETTER

A New History of Women at Brown

In celebration of the Centennial, a new volume of essays will soon appear. Entitled "The Search for Equity in Higher Education: Women at Brown University, 1891-1991," the volume is edited by Polly Welts Kaufman '51, a member of the history department at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and former editor of the "Pembroke Alumnae". Among the chapters being prepared is one on alumnae and the careers they have had, paid and volunteer, since graduation. The information is based on data about living alumnae garnered from Alumni & Development Services records, Pembroke Center Alumnae Forum speakers, Farnham Archives material, some random alumnae queries, and a survey which has recently been conducted in connection with 1990 reunions classes beginning with the Class of 1930 and continuing through 1985. The survey shows that the breadth and variety of a Pembroke/Brown education through the decades has resulted in a wide variety of careers and lifestyles, and has served as the basis for advanced training and accomplishment in an astonishing list of community service areas and professional fields. The chapter, written by the author of this article, will verify what we have always suspected: Pembroke women are "living lives of usefulness and reputation." The surprises will be in the ways in which they have designed their lives and coped successfully with the unexpected events life has dealt them once those careful plans were made.

Other chapters in the book will feature the entrance of women into Brown, written by Karen Blair of the department of history at Central Washington State College; the Women's College as a separate social system to 1930, by Linda Eisenmann, Associate Director of the Bunting Institute; the evolution to coeducation after 1930, by Louise Newman, graduate student in Brown's department of history; women's physical education, by Cindy Himes of the department of history at Towson State; women and the

Centennial Approaches

In one year the Centennial celebration of women at Brown will begin! Susan Adler Kaplan '58, Chair of the Ad Hoc Corporation Committee on the Centennial, reports that the theme for the year is "Transcending Boundaries." The Program Committee, chaired by Margery G. Whiteman '62, is organizing the opening event, a symposium, "Transcending Boundaries: Women, Power, and Leadership," to be held on October 31 and November 1 and 2, 1991. Participants will include speakers from the U.S. and abroad as well as alumnae.

Throughout the 1991-92 academic year, University departments and programs, major lectureships and forums, Brown Club and Commencement events, will be encouraged to focus on women's leadership roles in a variety of fields. Undergraduate and graduate students will be serving on committees, panels, and programs as well as staff, faculty, and alumnae.

Other major components of the celebration are the publication of a new history of women at Brown and an archival exhibit, planned for April and May 1992 in the Annmary Brown Memorial Library. We look forward to an exciting and stimulating Centennial!
Brown Corporation, by Jean Howard '70, Professor of English at Columbia; graduate education for Brown women, by Linda Eisenmann; the development of women faculty at Brown by Lyde Cullen Sizer, graduate student in Brown's history department; women as institution builders (community volunteers), by Karen Lamoree, archivist at the Wisconsin State Historical Society; the Brown undergraduate woman today, by recent Brown graduates Shelly Mains and Sandy Martin.

The volume will contain illustrations and will be introduced with a Foreword by Joan Wallach Scott of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, former director of the Pembroke Center, and an Introduction by Polly Kaufman, who will draw the themes of the essays together, including some comparative work in the field of women's education, and will assess how far Brown women have advanced in their goal to achieve equity in higher education.

Watch for word of the volume which will be published in 1991.

Charlotte Lowney Tomas '57, former Associate Dean of the College.

Archives Update

The Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives reached an important historic milestone last year with the completion of the Research Guide to the Farnham Archives, a 500+ page description of the Brown University Archives' holdings on women in Brown and in the State of Rhode Island. Because of the Guide, use of the Farnham Archives has increased dramatically, as students, faculty, and community researchers work on papers and projects. The Guide is also being used around the country at other universities and libraries; approximately 80 have been sold so far.

Karen Lamoree, former Farnham Archivist, who was responsible for organizing all the materials, papers, and objects, and for writing the Guide, recently left Brown for the Wisconsin State Historical Society, where she is archivist for the social action collection. Karen did an outstanding job during her three years at Brown.

Christine Dunlap Farnham '48 was instrumental in the development of the Pembroke Center and the Associates organization; for some time it was almost a full-time job. Another long and abiding interest for Chris was the University Library. Upon her untimely death in 1984, the Pembroke Center staff, along with Merrily Taylor, the University Librarian, Samuel Streit, Head of Special Collections, and Brown Development Office staff, worked to raise funds for a women's archive within the University archives, as a memorial to Chris. The goal was to hire a professional archivist who would organize the existing collection, further solicit donations from alumnae/i and from women in Rhode Island, and publish a Research Guide to the Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives.

The Farnham Archives are, thus, a joint project of the University Library and the Pembroke Center. The archivist is provided office space in the John Hay Library, participates on Library committees and programs, and prepares exhibits of archival materials. At the same time the archivist maintains close contact with Pembroke Center staff, attends weekly meetings, and is a member of the Pembroke Associates Council. The Pembroke Center sponsors archives activities including the Oral History Project, public outreach through forums and receptions, and Women's History Month programs. An Archives Advisory Committee including Sophie Blistein '41, Chair; Doris Stapelton '28; Mary Holburn '50; Charlotte Tomas '57; Polly Kaufman '51; Teresa Gagnon Melone '39; MA '62; MariJo Buhle, Associate Professor of American Civilization; Louise Newman, History graduate student; Martha Mitchell, University Archivist; Karen Newman and Barbara Anton, Pembroke Center, provides support for the archivist.

Having accomplished so much, we now look forward to the next phase of the archives. A search will be underway for a new archivist as soon as funds for the position are raised. The focus for the next two years will be on the large and important exhibit, now scheduled for April-May 1992, as part of the Centennial celebration. The exhibit will be accompanied by a catalogue funded by the Pembroke Class of 1940. The archives will also continue to solicit and catalogue memorabilia, materials, and oral histories from alumnae and from women in Rhode Island and their organizations.
Postdoc Update

What happens to the Pembroke Center postdoctoral fellows after they leave Brown? That is a question often asked by Associates and others interested in the work of the Center. The following will answer the question for one of our most recent fellows, Valentine Moghadam, who was here during 1988-89.

Val came to the Center from New York University, where she taught in the sociology department. Her project at the Center was a sociological study of the political identity of women exiles and refugees from Iran and Afghanistan, women whose lives were changed by revolutions and upheavals in their countries. Several major papers grew out of her work at Brown, including "Revolution Engendered: A Comparative Study of Women and Politics in Iran and Afghanistan."

A native of Iran and fluent in several mideastern languages, Moghadam was part of the NBC News team of observers as Russian troops withdrew from Afghanistan in February 1989. Consulting on UN projects over the years led to her current job as a Fellow of the World Institute for Development Economics Research (United Nations University) in Helsinki, Finland. Moghadam's specific project is entitled "National Development, Identity Politics, and Concepts of Feminism."

She is organizing a major conference for October 1990, which will bring researchers and activists from various parts of the world to Helsinki to look at how political and/or social movements based on questions of religious, ethnic, or national identity impact on women. Examples of such movements include Muslim fundamentalism in the Middle East; Christian evangelicalism and Jewish orthodoxy in the United States; Jewish fundamentalism and nationalism in Israel; communualism in India.

Moghadam's goal for the conference is increased understanding of cross-national similarities and differences.

Val Moghadam says of her year at the Center: "Almost immediately upon my arrival at the Pembroke Center I realized that it provided an exceptional environment for stimulating intellectual discussions and study. The theoretical diversity of the participants ensured provocative arguments and lively debates. The disagreements over concepts, methods and vision were most productive in that they led to deep reflection on one's views, close attention to alternative arguments and explanations, and a honing of one's debating skills!" The name of the Pembroke Center is sure to gain increased international recognition through Moghadam's work.

Alumnae Speakers Attract Large Audience

"If you think of your career as a tapestry that's woven with individual threads, ... all you have to do is pick up one thread and start." Milisa Galazzi '88 ended her presentation with that advice to the large audience who came to hear about options for careers in independent education in February. She wanted to make the point that students should not feel pressure while at Brown to decide what they are going to do with the rest of their lives - advice that is always given by alumnae.

A wide range of experience was represented on this panel. Milisa Galazzi, a new faculty member at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire; Margery Whiteman '62, Director of Development at Emma Willard School in Troy, New York; and Jean Miller '49, Head of the Palmer School in Miami, Florida. Miller is one of very few women who are heads of coed secondary schools. Her career also includes public school teaching; serving as head of two girls' schools; working in college administration.

Whiteman began her career as a teacher of French in a public high school - teaching seven different classes each day to a total of 180 different students - a situation she would not recommend to a beginning teacher. Whiteman's experience brought up a real difference between public and independent education settings which each panelist emphasized, namely, that a private school is a "small universe" where every player plays many parts. Thus she, even as an administrator in development, has a group of students to advise, and is part of faculty decisions about curriculum. Miller stated that for several months she has filled the role of business manager while a search is underway for a new person. Playing many roles is certainly true of Galazzi's job; she is teacher, counselor, coach, resident manager. The young woman who questioned why a school would hire a new graduate such as herself over a much more experienced teacher should have been encouraged by this forum; here she had a role model in Galazzi, a very new graduate herself and very happy and successful in her job, and she had assurance from Miller with her years of experience who stated that she always hires some beginning teachers for her staff. A very nice touch on this multi-generational panel was that Milisa Galazzi taught Margery Whiteman's daughter last year at St. Paul's.

ARE YOU AN ASSOCIATE?

The annual Pembroke Center Associates membership drive is again underway. We are proud of our growth - membership was at an all-time high of 530 for 1989-90. The Associates program offers you an opportunity to become involved in the Center's work: through Alumnae Forums; special lectures and programs; Commencement activities; the Farinham Archives.

Members for the 1989-90 year are listed in this newsletter. Help us to grow by joining or renewing for 1990-91 as we plan for the centenary celebration of women at Brown and for the tenth anniversary of the Pembroke Center.
WHO'S WHO . . .

Karen Newman, Director
Professor of Comparative Literature and English

Elizabeth Weed, Associate Director
Adjunct Associate Professor of Women's Studies

Barbara Anton, Coordinator of Alumnae Affairs

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Diana Gore, Research Assistant for Pembroke Seminar

Nicole Cunningham, Research Assistant for Newman

Keya Ganguly, Mary Childers, Katherine Williams, Postdoctoral Fellows

Meet Barbara

As membership in the Associates of the Pembroke Center continues to increase, it represents alumnae of many ages and reflects the wide distribution geographically as well. It is quite possible that many of you have yet to visit the offices on the second floor of Alumnae Hall directly at the head of the circular stairway. Should you come, the person most apt to greet you is Barbara Anton. Many of you, to be sure, have already met Barbara, but to those who have not I have the pleasure of introducing her.

Barbara grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she attended Clark University and received her A.B. degree with a major in sociology. For one year she was a fourth grade teacher in a small town in Massachusetts. At the end of that year she married Thomas Anton who was a graduate student at Princeton. For the next several years the Antons, which now included three children (two girls and one boy) moved from the Princeton area to the University of Pennsylvania to the University of Illinois and to the University of Michigan. One of the moves of which Barbara has fond memories was to Stockholm, Sweden, where Tom taught at Stockholm University after completing a year's research under a Guggenheim Fellowship. While in Sweden Barbara traced and met many relatives.

Back to the University of Michigan Barbara became a graduate student and was awarded a Master's degree in Counseling. She accepted a position at the Center for the Continuing Education of Women which had been established at Michigan in 1964. The Center counseled women who wished to return to school or go back to work. While at the Center Barbara joined with other staff in a rather unique luncheon program for the community, a Job Search Workshop. This program was available to both men and women who needed help in finding positions for which they were qualified. Originally begun as a six-week series in 1982, the program continues today.

Barbara came to the Pembroke Center in 1983 on a part-time basis to help organize the Associates under a grant from Brown University. In 1984 her position was made full-time as Coordinator of Alumnae Affairs. Her duties include the Alumnae Forums, the Newsletter, and general activities of the Associates Council. With her responsibilities at the Center and those of a faculty wife Barbara is a busy person, but not ever too busy to greet you with a smile and a warm welcome. Do come to the Center and meet Barbara.

Center Represented at National Meeting

Elizabeth Weed represented the Pembroke Center at this year's annual meeting of the National Council for Research on Women, held at Hunter College. The meeting, entitled Research and Action: Perspectives from around the Globe, was especially interesting this year since over thirty representatives of research centers outside the U.S. were included among the one hundred and ten participants. Speakers during the three-day meeting included scholars from Sweden, Bangladesh, Argentina, Tanzania, and The Philippines and topics ranged from political participation and women's leadership to child labor.

The National Council Newsletter reports other international news: the Sociology Department of Charles University in Prague began the first Women's Studies program in the Czech and Slovak Federative Republics in September 1990; the Council hosted a June visit of the Deputy Director of the First Center for Gender Studies in the USSR; Yugoslav women have founded a new organization called the Independent Alliance of Women to promote, among other things, university courses in women's studies.
1990-91 Pembroke Seminar Begins

The Pembroke Center Research Seminar begins a three-year research project on “Cultural Pluralism: Solution or Symptom?” with a focus this year on cultural literacies and ‘difference’. Participants in the weekly seminar include Postdoctoral Fellows Keya Ganguly, Katherine Williams, and Mary Childers; several visiting scholars from the New England area; seven graduate students and three undergraduates; introsted Brown faculty, and Center staff. Ganguly’s project explores the intersections between ethnic identity and cultural literacy, using Indian immigrants and their high school and college-age children residing in the Delaware Valley as subjects. She will ask, among other things, how inherited ideologies of caste and religion, and of marriage and family systems are narrativized in the U.S. Williams teaches literature and technical writing to inner-city students at the New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan, where mastering the languages of science and technology are required for their future careers. One of the most important questions she will consider in her work is whether the literacies of science and technology have excluded students on the basis of differences, such as gender, class, and race. Childers, an assistant professor at Villanova University, will compare writings of Virginia Woolf and Charlotte Bronte with eleven autobiographies of English working-class women writing in this same period. Her argument is that for cultural studies to be more inclusive, scholars should not look only at writings of women of relative privilege who have the ability to get their work published.

The next issue of the Associates Newsletter will include interviews with the Fellows and a much more detailed look at their work.

Karen Newman Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

Director of the Pembroke Center Karen Newman spent her Fellowship year completing work on her book Fashioning Femininity and English Renaissance Drama, forthcoming Spring 1991 from the University of Chicago Press. Newman, her husband Tom Brooks, daughter Frances and son Joshua spent the second half of her leave in Bologna, Italy. Eight-year old Frances attended a public Italian elementary school, and thus became quite adept at the language. Newman and Brooks also served as acting directors of the Brown in Bologna Program, advising students, handling administrative details, and dealing with problems such as a national strike at Italian universities! In addition, Newman gave several lectures at other universities in Italy and England, and did research for an essay on the University’s famed obstetrician museum. During her spring abroad, Newman was promoted to Professor of Comparative Literature and English.

Karen Newman spotted Coming to Terms, edited by Elizabeth Weed while walking past one of Bologna’s favorite bookshops, Feltrinelli. The book is selling very well in foreign countries, with 1,000 sold as of May 1990.

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Southern California Alumnae Still Active

The Women's Committee of the Brown University Club of Southern California has been actively functioning for a long time. Started in the 1920s by a few stalwart Pembrokers on the West Coast, the group's original name was The Pembroke Club. Until recently, the group maintained its separate identity, but the need for insurance protection under a larger entity influenced the club's membership to vote in favor of shelter under the umbrella of the Brown Club of Southern California.

The Women's Committee of the Brown University Club of Southern California is no less pro-Pembroke than it was under its original name. Every year club members fund a book award to a promising local high school student. This year both the committee and individual members contributed to the Pembroke Center's Endowment Fund.

The committee is quite active. Three meetings a year are held with each hosted by a different member. Since the membership spans a stretch from Santa Barbara to San Juan Capistrano (about 140 miles) hosting is alternated between north area, central, and south area venues. Since 1988, a program has been added for each meeting whereas formerly there was only luncheon and a business meeting. Members vary in vocation as well as location. Women who are artists, business executives, health care professionals, active retirees, volunteers, and home managers are included in the membership. The programs vary to reflect the group's diversity of interests. On the whole, the committee's meetings are anticipated with great enthusiasm, and the atmosphere at each meeting is warm, welcoming, stimulating, and fun.

Rosalyn M. Laudati, Ph.D.
Past President, Women's Committee, Brown University Club of Southern California

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Under the leadership of Marie J. Langlois '64, the Center is over one-third of the way to its $3,000,000 goal. We are very pleased to announce the following named endowments:

The Artemis W. and Martha Sharp Joukowsky Fellowship
The Carol G. Lederer Fellowship
The Annual Ruth Burt Ekstrom Lecture, funded also by H. Anthony Illieson
The Susan Ball Visiting Scholar

The first Ekstrom lecture will be held on December 4, 1990 and will feature Jill Ker Conway, author and former president of Smith College. As part of the Pembroke Center Seminar, four or five distinguished scholars are invited each year to give a public lecture and also lead the Seminar; one visiting scholar each year will be supported by funds from Susan Ball. The Joukowsky Fellowship is held this year by Keya Ganguly and the Lederer Fellowship by Mary Childers. All Associates will be invited to the special lectures.

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